and who has served.

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—It is stated in the answer 'more than 20 years.'

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—I want to know the approximate number of years.

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—We do not keep accounts of service of these persons.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—How did you get this ?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—From pay bills, etc.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Similarly cannot you give the other figure also ?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—I can give the other figure.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—So you want notice.

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—Yes, I want notice.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—The answer to (d) is 'Yes.' May I know who are those officers ?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—They are the watchers and no other.

President.—But this question is about tanahdars and watchers.

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—Question (c) is 'whether the mahouts of Sirkar elephants are given pension and privilege leave' and so it was thought that (d) also referred to that, and hence the answer 'yes' was given.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Are there any other officer in the Department besides tanahdars and watchers who are not given privilege leave and pension?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—There are no other officers.

President.—Then 'no' should be the answer to (d) and not 'yes.' The correct answer to (d) will be 'no.'

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—Except tanahdars and watchers there are no other.

President.—So you admit that the correct answer to (d) is 'no.'

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—Yes.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Have the Government considered the question of giving pension to these officers ?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—There is some recommendation in the Special Finance Committee report and the matter will be considered when passing orders on the Special Finance Committee report.

Lower Secondary School at Chelakkara.

216. Mr. T. K. Nayar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

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(1) the strength of the Lower Secondary School at Chelakkara, boys' and girls' separately ;

(2) whether the School is provided with a tiffin shed ?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—(1) 333 boys and 172 girls.

(2) No. The Headmaster was ordered last year to include a tiffin shed in the lump allotment for urgent works to be taken up in 1105.

Mr. T. K. Nayar.—The number of boys attending is 333 and the number of girls is 172. So, will the Government be pleased to start a separate school for girls ?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—We would like to see whether any local agency would come forward to start a school first.

Mr. T. K. Nayar.—With reference to sub-division (2), will this work be done in 1105 ?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—It is coming in our budget.

Mr. T. K. Nayar.—Has it been included in the list of works to be done in 1105?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—Yes. We have included. It is a lump sum. Items will be decided later on.

Mr. T. K. Nayar.—What does it depend upon ?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—It will depend upon certain facts, such as urgency, etc.

Mr. T. K. Nayar.—I want to know whether you have ordered to include this item as an urgent work for 1105.

President.—I think you have recommended this work.

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—I have said that this is an important work. It simply comes to this. This is considered to be one of the most urgent works that should go into this Rs. 20,000 allotment and it will go there. Supposing there are more urgent works, for which funds will have to be allotted out of this Rs. 20.000, this will have to wait for another year.

President.—You are not satisfied that this is a most urgent work ?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—I have not decided. For urgent works I had asked for Government sanction for much more than Rs. 20,000. That was not allowed. It has been cut down to Rs. 20,009. So I would have to decide which is more urgent. That will depend upon the urgency of the case. It requires some consideration.

Mr. T. K. Nayar.—Here it is stated that the Headmaster was asked last year to include this in the lump allotment for urgent works.

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Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—He included it in this year's allotment as per my order. So far as the Headmaster is concerned, he is satisfied and I am also satisfied. But the Member for Kattur was telling us about the Vallivattam school, that it is in such a bad condition, that it has to be looked into at once, etc. We have got to give precedence to such cases.

President.—Will you sympathetically consider this case ?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—Oh, yes, very sympathetically.

Memorial submitted by the people of Gothuruthi.

217. മിസ്റ്റർ എ. കെ. കുഞ്ഞുമൊയ്തീൻ.—

(a) ദിവാൻജി അവർകൾ ശോഭുരുത്തി സന്ദർശിച്ച മാസം, തീയ്യതി പറയുവാൻ ഗവർമ്മെണ്ടിനു ദയവുണ്ടാകുമൊ;

(b) ആ സന്ദർഭത്തിൽ നാട്ടുകാർ ഒരു മെമ്മോറിയൽ സമർപ്പിക്കയുണ്ടായിട്ടുണ്ടൊ;

(c) മെമ്മോറിയലിൽ ചെയ്ത അഭ്യർത്ഥനകളിൽ ഗവർമ്മെണ്ട് ഏതല്ലാം സ്വീകരിച്ചുവെന്നും ഏതല്ലാം നിരാകരിച്ചുവെന്നും പറയുവാൻ ദയവുണ്ടാകുമൊ,

(d) സ്വീകരിക്കാത്തവകയ്ക്ക് കാരണം പറയാമൊ?

രാമവർമ്മ തമ്പുരാൻ.—

(a) [illegible],

(b) ഉവ്വ്.

(c) [illegible] ദിവാൻജി അവർകളുടെ ഉത്തരവിന്റെ പ്രതി ഇതിന്റെ അടിയ്ക്ക് സായിച്ചേർക്കുന്നു, (*Vide Appendix I.*) വിവരങ്ങൾ അതിൽനിന്നു മനസ്സിലാക്കാവുന്നതാണ്.

Staff-quarters.

218. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the names and location of staff-quarters maintained out of public funds ;

(b) how many of these are not open to all Government officers irrespective of caste or creed ;

(c) what is the reason in each case for not throwing it open to all Government servants ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) (1) Ernakulam staff-quarters in Ernakulam.

(2) Karupadna staff-quarters on the 21st mile of Karupadna road.

(3) Pattikad staff-quarters on the 10th mile of Vaniampara road.

(4) Cheruvirutti staff-quarters by the side of Shoranur road near the 19th mile.

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